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What has been the reaction to recent outbreaks of violence in the north and what additional action should the Nigerian government take to avoid future problems?

We've just had [a visit] by the **U.S. Commission for International Religious Freedom** [a U.S. government entity whose bipartisan members are appointed by congress and the president].

They were engaged with a cross-section of interlocutors. I attended those meetings, and it was interesting to see the seriousness with which elements of the government are responding. Arrests have been made, which is a departure from the past in terms of how quickly they've done that.